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SUBJ: NEW TRANSKEI OPPOSITION PARTY

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1. IN OCT. 28 SESSION OF TRANSKEI PARLIAMENT, A TNIP MP ELECTED FROM TABANKULU DISTRICT, MR. CROMWELL DIKO, CROSSED THE FLOOR TO FORM A NEW PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION, THE TRANSKEI PEOPLE'S FREEDOM PARTY (TPFP&. ASSEMBLY SECRETARY THEN READ OUT NAMES OF THREE OTHER MP'S WHO HAD PLEDGED SUPPORT TO MR. DIKO: P.N. NKOSIYANE (FORMER DEMOCRATIC PARTY); B. BACELA (FORMER INDEPENDENT); AND CHIEF D.S. BACELA (NOMINATED CHIEF). AT SAME TIME ONE ELECTED NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY MP, H.H. ZIBI, CROSSED BACK TO GOVERNMENT RANKS LEAVING THE CURRENT STATE OF OPPOSITION: 4 TPFP, 2 DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND 2 NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY. GOVERNMENT PARTY TNIP CONTROLS 142 SEATS.

2. NEW TPFP CHIEF DIKO ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT THAT HE HAD FORMED PARTY TO "PREVENT THE PRIME MINISTER, PARAMOUNT CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA, FROM BECOMING A DICTATOR." HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO HAVE ABOUT 20 PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS JOIN HIS PARTY SHORTLY. QUERIED IN LATER INTERVIEW RE HIS PARTY'S POLITICAL OUTLOOK, HE SAID WHILE INDEPENDENCE WAS ACCEPTED AS AN ESTABLISHED FACT, TPFP WISHED TO USE IT AS A PLATFORM TO

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WORK TOWARD A "FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA." TPFP OPPOSED

PRACTICE OF NOMINATED CHIEFS AND BELIEVED ALL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS SHOULD BE ELECTED EXCEPT FOR THE FIVE PARAMOUNT CHIEFS. TFPF ALSO OPPOSED DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL UNDER PROCLAMATION R-400.

3. DIKO WAS A FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN 1964 BUT LATER SWITCHED TO A SPLINTER PARTY AND THEN TO TNIP IN 1973. HE IS 59 YEARS OLD.
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